

BRYANITES SCORE IN LEAGUE PLANK AMENDMENT FIGHT

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supported it told the committee bluntly that hope of ratification without modification might as well be abandoned and that the wise course was to compromise.

Mr. Bryan and several others wanted modifications of the wording of the league plank and as the discussion was continued the night the hopes of members that the question could be kept off the convention floor diminished.

On the prohibition issue the subcommittee made its recommendation and a list of proposed wet and dry proposals were offered with Mr. Bryan leading the dry in a determined crusade to keep the party from making a wet declaration or remaining silent on the prohibition issue.

Sympathy for Irish.

The Irish plank submitted by the subcommittee reiterated in general terms President Wilson's principle of self-determination, expressed sympathy for the aspirations of the Irish people, and suggested that the Irish problem could be satisfactorily brought later before the league of nations. That is unsatisfactory to some of the committee members who are making a fight for a plank pledging the party to recognize the Irish republic.

In his fight against the administration's league of nations plank, Senator Walsh declared that although he had been for the treaty without reservations, a year of effort had demonstrated that such a ratification was impossible. In the coming campaign, he asserted, the Democrats could not hope to gain enough senators to make up the necessary two-thirds majority for an administration declaration was adopted the country might well ask what the Democrats possibly could hope to do to carry it out.

Mr. Bryan argued that the party should not go on record as opposing reservations to which a majority of the senators had agreed but should take the issue out of politics by declaring for an immediate ratification compromise. In the treaty debate, Vice-President Marshall was reported to have criticized the administration plank because it gave no information to the public regarding what reservations would fall within the class described as not impairing the covenant's essential integrity. Mr. Marshall was said to have declared that he would rather go to the country with a plank for unconditional ratification than be asked to define "destructive" reservations.

McKellar Opposes Walsh.

Chairman Glass, Senator McKellar of Tennessee and other administration chiefs, strenuously opposed the Walsh amendment. The significance of its adoption was indicated by sharp assertions from the administration side that it would play into the hands of the Republicans, he regarded as a weakening of the Democratic position and he support for the position of Republican senators led by Senator Lodge. Some administration spokesmen even declared, it was said, that it would work to defeat the party in November, and Senator McKellar was declared to have denounced the Walsh amendment as the "doctrine of hell." Another administration member said it would appear as if the Democrats were "coming to terms" with the Republicans. Still another opponent of Senator Walsh's amendment said that its defeat was tantamount to defeating the Lodge reservations and that if the committee adopted the Walsh addition it "ought to put Senator Lodge in nomination" here.

Senator Pomerene supported the Walsh amendment, declaring the treaty had delayed practically more than a year and that the honor of the nation and its participation in the league plan for world peace should require prompt ratification. He declared the league is such an advanced and important step toward world peace that it would be disastrous to lose the great opportunity by disagreement over reservations. Although Senator Walsh is said to have conceded that article 10 of the league covenant would be destroyed by the Lodge reservations, he and Senator Pomerene told the committee most if not all other important features of the league plan still would remain. Senator Pomerene incidentally declared he had no apologies to make for his vote for ratification with the Lodge provision. The Democrats, Mr. Pomerene declared, could not justify a position killing the treaty. Both he and Senator Walsh made it clear the administration plank plus the Walsh amendment did not go as far as they desired, but would present a better issue to the country.

An assertion by Senator Walsh that without his amendment the treaty would be lost and that with it the treaty's ratification would be assured was met by a statement by former Gov. McCord of West Virginia, that he was opposed to action for mere expediency.

"God help the Democratic party," Gov. McCord exclaimed. "You will lose the respect of the American people."

During the debate, Senator Glass and Mr. Bryan clashed over Mr. Bryan's published criticism of the subcommittee as a "secret" body. When Senator Glass objected to it Mr. Bryan replied that he would use it again or any other word he should choose.

INDUSTRIAL FILM IS OFFERED TO MEMPHIS

An industrial moving picture film entitled "Coal is King" is to be offered for exhibition in Memphis this summer by the Diamond Specialty company, Detroit, Mich., for the benefit of local manufacturers, according to announcement received by Sam D. Fulton, publicity manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

The picture deals with all phases of coal operation and has been shown before manufacturing associations, chambers of commerce and engineers' associations in 200 cities. Local business men interested should communicate with Fulton relative to a booking of the movie.

EDGAR MISINFORMED AS TO IDLEWILD SIREN

Commissioner Edgar was misinformed, he said late Wednesday, about a siren whistle on the Steamer Idlewild in announcing that orders had been given to silence the whistle. Henry Hotter, secretary of the West Memphis Packet company, says there is no such whistle or the Idlewild, never has been nor never will be. The commissioner says there is such a siren on an excursion steamer and that its blare is entirely too noisy and unnecessary and it will be silenced.

READY FOR FOX HUNT AT SULPHUR SPRINGS

CORINTH, Miss., July 1. (Sp.)—Considerable interest, it is said, is being manifested by a number of noted fox hunters of the country in the announced organization and encampment at Sulphur Springs in Hardin county, Tenn., 20 miles east of here, which begins on July 12.

Among those who it is said have expressed their intention of being in attendance on this meeting and organization is Paul J. Rainey, of Tippah county, with his celebrated pack of hounds. He is the capitalist owner of one of the largest game preserves in the country and his dogs are among the most noted in all the field trials. Another who is expected and has expressed himself to the effect that he is coming is Chancellor W. J. Rose, of Jackson, Tenn. He is an enthusiastic in the sport of chasing Reynard and has some very fine dogs. His former home is Hardin county and he learned to love the sport almost in the very territory where this meeting is to be held.

Others from Columbus, Aberdeen, West Point and Memphis have sent word that they will be on hand. Dr. Stroup, of this city, is the temporary secretary.

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PERES PRESIDES AT MOCK \$50,000 SUIT

Chancellor Israel Peres presided at a mock trial Wednesday night at the Memphis Community center. Miss Susie Locke sued Frank Fraser for \$50,000 for breach of promise, alleging that he proposed to her in Dr. B. L. L. Conner's drug store in Happy Hollow. She lost her suit, but rallied sufficiently to take part in the dance when jazz music broke out at the conclusion of the trial.

TRI-STATE BRIEFS

HARRISBURG, Ark.—The Rev. Bascom Waters' revival meeting is still in progress at the Methodist church in this city.

HARRISBURG, Ark.—J. A. Bullard, of Decker, was here recently and announced as a candidate for tax assessor. He has no opponent as yet, and owing to his popularity it is thought that he will have no opposition.

HARRISBURG, Ark.—Dr. B. L. Harrison, of Truman, was here today and announced for county and probate judge of this county, subject to the Democratic primary August 10.

HARRISBURG, Ark.—The county Democratic central committee had a meeting here Tuesday and in con-

sequence there were quite a lot of county politicians and would-be politicians in the city. The committee fixed the fees that candidates should pay for getting their names on the primary ticket at the primary election. That being all the business the committee had before it and it adjourned to meet again on August 2, to select the election officers to hold the primary.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—The blackberry crop in this section is ripening rapidly and is unusually abundant.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—An American Legion post is being organized at Merriamack to be known as the Percy Crunk post in honor of a Merriamack boy who fell on the firing line in France. A charter has been applied for and a large membership is being enrolled.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—W. H. Dodd, a Chattanooga contractor, who has taken the contract to decorate Huntsville for the "Fourth of July" celebration Monday, arrived today and immediately began work. The business section of the city will be more profusely decorated than ever before.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—Nearly all of the Huntsville Rotarians, who attended the international conference at Atlantic City have returned after having an enjoyable trip. Half of the membership of the club attended the conference.

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